

156.670 Development of master plan for education technology.

- (1) The Council for Education Technology shall develop the master plan for education technology and submit the plan to the Kentucky Board of Education and the Legislative Research Commission for approval. Implementation of each stage of the master plan shall begin immediately upon approval of the board and the Legislative Research Commission. The plan shall outline the Commonwealth's five (5) year activities related to purchasing, developing, and using technology to:
 - (a) Improve learning and teaching and the ability to meet individual students' needs to increase student achievement;
 - (b) Improve curriculum delivery to help meet the needs for educational equity across the state;
 - (c) Improve delivery of professional development;
 - (d) Improve the efficiency and productivity of administrators; and
 - (e) Encourage development by the private sector and acquisition by districts of technologies and applications appropriate for education.
- (2) The five (5) year plan shall cover all aspects of education technology, including but not limited to, its use in educational instruction and administration, video and computer systems, software and hardware, multiple delivery systems for satellite, microwave, cable, instructional television fixed service, fiber optic, and computer connections products, the preparation of school buildings for technological readiness, and the development of staff necessary to implement the plan.
- (3) The five (5) year plan shall include specific recommendations to the Kentucky Board of Education for the adoption of administrative regulations to establish and implement a uniform and integrated system of standards and guidelines for financial accounting and reporting which shall be used by all school districts.
- (4) The integrated technology-based communications system shall provide comprehensive, current, accurate, and accessible information relating to management, finance, operations, instruction, and pupil programs which are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education.
- (5) To facilitate communication among teachers, parents, students, and prospective employers of students, and to provide access to many vital technological services, the five (5) year plan shall include the installation of a telephone in each classroom.
- (6) In designing and implementing the five (5) year plan, the council shall consider seeking the active participation of private organizations whose knowledge and assistance will be useful.
- (7) The council shall update as necessary the plan developed under subsection (2) of this section and report to the Legislative Research Commission at the completion of each implementation phase of the master plan.
- (8) The council shall submit its recommendations to the Kentucky Board of Education, which shall accept the recommendations, or return them to the council along with suggestions for changes to make the recommendations consistent with the policies of the Kentucky Board of Education.

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